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## **Conservation Comm Minutes 02-15-2001**

MINUTES, FEB. 15, 2001

Nathaniel Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:30pm in the 2nd floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex.

Present were Corinna Beckwith, Nathaniel Stevens, David White, Geraldine Tremblay and Judith Hodges of the Commission. Tom Zahar and Mark Demelo of Modern Continental for the 78 Summer Street project. Robert Buckley and Harold DuLong of Riemer & Braunstein representatives of Finard Company for the Mugar project. Aram Hollman of 12 Whittemore St. and Dick Keshian of 1040 Massachusetts Ave. for the Mugar project. Kevin O'Brien and Alan McClennan of the Planning Department for the Reed's Brook project.

7:30pm – MISCELLANEOUS

In regards to memberships on the Commission, Ms. Beckwith resigned from the Commission in order to avoid any potential conflicts in being the Administrator and a Commissioner.

7:45pm- REED'S BROOK LANDFILL CLOSURE, AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF INTENT-

Kevin O'Brien presented a letter of explanation of the latest amendment to this project. It includes increasing the wetland replication area to roughly 6000 square feet and no work is to be done in the Northeast wetland in this proposal. The location of the replication area may change to be more parallel to the drainage way.

The hearing was continued to April 5 at 7:45pm in order for the applicant to present the final design and ask for a vote on the proposal.

8pm – 78 SUMMER ST., EXTENSION TO ORDER OF CONDITIONS dated 3/18/98.

Mr. Stevens read the public notice for this project. The applicant asked for an extension to the Order of Conditions of one year. Three buildings on the site are built and the site is paved. The applicants were recently before us for a partial Certificate of Compliance. Ms. Beckwith made a statement that she saw no reason why the project would not be completed by the end of March next year.

Ms. Tremblay made a motion to grant the extension to March 31, 2002, Mr. White seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

8:15pm- MUGAR PARCEL, RT. 2, ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF RESOURCE AREA DELINEATION, DISCUSSION AND DECISION

Ms. Beckwith reported that she had no new filing on this project. Mr. Buckley, representing Finard Company, attended the meeting in order to seek clarification on the process of the permit application.

Mr. Stevens explained that the Commission was unable to act on the previous application due to a lack of quorum.

The Commission was waiting on word from Rizzo Associates on whether or not to rehear the project. Rizzo had not returned notice of the rehearing.

Mr. Buckley asked the Commission if the project could be reheard and renoticed so that a new quorum would be established. Mr. Buckley just wanted the original legal filing to be reconsidered by the newly established quorum.

Mr. Stevens asked for a letter of Mr. Buckley's request and Mr. Stevens will forward it to Town Counsel for further recommendation.

Mr. Hollman asked for clarification of the current status of the hearing on this project. The hearing essentially disintegrated due to lack of quorum.

Ms. Beckwith forwarded two letters from Steve Kaiser, one from Aram Hollman and one from Mr. Baethge of BSC in regards to this project.

9pm- MISCELLANEOUS, CONT.

The draft Great Meadows plan by Frances Clark is soon to be completed. Copies will be distributed to interested parties for comment.

Mr. McClennan reported on the Symmes Hospital site proposal where the Town is looking into the prospect of purchasing the property. This would include the aquisition and therefore protection of up to 9 acres of open space. The land is forested, steeply sloped and located near Summer Street and around the sides of the developed areas.

Ms. Tremblay asked for a copy of the Order of Conditions for the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

The Cambridge Con Comm and the Cambridge Dept.of Public Works will be invited to meet with us on the CSO separation project on March 1 at 8:30pm. The Commission would like to read some of the permit filings that were sent to the office. Ms. Beckwith distributed some submittals left in the conference room from meetings that took place earlier in the week.

Enforcements: the 1996 assessor's list has the owner of parcels that were dumping snow in brook, a letter should go to them and to the owner at 62 Hutchinson.

Mr. Stevens said that he would draft the warrant article and then we need to go before the Board of Selectmen.

Ms. Beckwith is drafting the Notices of Intent for the weed eradication program for the Arlington Reservoir. Mr. White and Mr. Stevens stated that the Commission would help assemble the filing. The Spy Pond weed eradication project is going forward with the Sonar treatment bid proposal.. The concerns of Marion Coulter were communicated to the Spy Pond Committee and she found more independent information. Mr. White asked for DEP's recommendations. The Hills Pond weed eradication project filing should be submitted very soon.

The Meadow Brook project is about to be excavated and the plantings will come in the spring, May or June and many volunteers will be needed.

The Commission voted to convene at approximately 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cori Beckwith, Administrator